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(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to properly equip and train police forces to successfully combat the threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Modernisation of police forces with better infrastructure, weaponry and training is a continuous process. Specialised trainings in Guerilla warfare etc. are being provided to the State Police personnel in the training centres of Army/CPMFs and Greyhounds Training Centre at Hyderabad. Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs) are being supplied to the States to neutralize IEDs/landmine blasts. Financial assistance is being given to the affected States under the Police Modernisation (PM) and Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Schemes etc. to strengthen their local capabilities. Rs. 371.79 crore has been released during 2006-07 (as on 31.1.2007) to nine naxal affected States under Police Modernisation Scheme.

### **Special package for flood victims of Rajasthan**

† 960. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has asked for a special package of Rs. 874.52 crore for the rehabilitation and development of the villages drowned during floods in rainy season in Barmer district in Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for which this amount has not been sanctioned so far; and

(c) by when the said amount will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan in its memorandum for Central assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) sought an amount of Rs. 3284.22 crore in the wake of floods in 2006. This included Rs. 874.52 crore for (i) restoration of damaged roads (Rs. 333.99 crore) (ii) restoration of irrigation dams/ canals (Rs. 37.11 crore), (iii) restoration of damaged tanks of Panchayati Raj institutions (Rs. 28.77 crore), (iv) restoration of power supply network (Rs. 74.65 crore) and (v) Misc. including damage to mining industry & relocation of submerged villages (Rs. 400.00 crore).

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The Government of India has approved (i) an amount of Rs. 240.04 'crore under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), (ii) an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore from Special Component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and (iii) 60,400 MTs of foodgrains under Special Component of Sampoorn Grameen Rozgar Yojna (SGRY). The approved amount of Rs. 240.04 crore, *inter-alia*, includes Rs. 9.33 crore for immediate repair/restoration of damaged roads, Rs. 2.52 crore for immediate restoration of power supply and Rs. 2.24 crore towards relief assistance for the damaged houses in Barmer district which were fully submerged. No assistance was approved for (i) restoration of irrigation dams/canals, (ii) restoration of damaged tanks of Panchayati Raj institutions and (iii) Misc. items including damaged assets of mining industry & relocation of submerged villages, as these items were not covered under the extant items and norms of assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

As per the Schemes of CRF and NCCF, restoration of capital assets and long term reconstruction of infrastructure damaged during natural calamities will have to be undertaken under the Plan Schemes and not from relief funds. For this purpose, the affected States are to submit detailed sector-wise Plan proposals. The High Level Committee (HLC), in its meeting held on 8th December, 2006, *inter-alia* decided that the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) headed by Vice-Chairperson NDMA, will examine the Plan proposals submitted by the States and assess their requirements in this regard. This decision has been communicated to the Government of Rajasthan. The State Government has not yet submitted their detailed Plan proposals.

### **Infiltration of terrorists**

† 961. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to check infiltration of terrorists from Pakistan and other countries;

(b) whether cooperation is being sought from border State Governments; and

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